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#### Citations and references

The majority of micro-organisms in their natural habitat cannot be cultured and remain unidentified (Cloete et al., 1992; Haldeman and Amy, 1993; Wagner et al., 1993). This has led to a lack of knowledge of microbial community composition and function.

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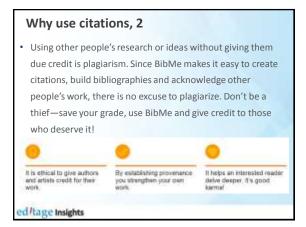
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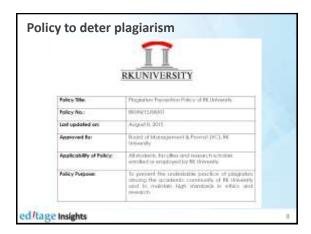
Health literacy is "the degree to which individuals can obtain, process, and understand the basic health information and services they need to make appropriate health decisions" (Institute of Medicine, 2004; Ratzan & Parker, 2000; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2000) and function effectively in the health care environment. It represents a constellation of skills including the ability to interpret documents and read and write prose (print literacy), use quantitative information (numeracy), and speak and listen effectively (oral literacy) (Institute of Medicine, 2004).

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- · Common sayings, proverbs, etc.

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- Citations by names of authors, the Harvard system

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Journal of Biological Chemistry

Enhancers were initially identified in cell culture using transient reporter assays as sequences that up-regulated transcription without regard to orientation or distance (2, 3) This flexibility in location and function has posed a significant obstacle to comprehensive cataloging of enhancers in comparison with

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Science

(1). Studies have focused on the costs and benefits of group size and position within the group (2-4) but how predation risk varies with the response of individuals to their neighbors is not well understood because of difficulties in its measurement (5, 6) and manipulation (7). One such behavioral response that is common in nature is the tendency for individuals to align their direction of travel with that of near neighbors,

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Green spaces occupy an important function in the urban context and provide critical ecosystem services in congested orban intrinsumants, where more than half of the world's population is located in Sentamble cities depend on a healthy ecosystem that influences both human well-being and mincross processes activitie. (II) From in cities above vehicular air pollutants, buffer noise, regulate temperature and provide much-needed shade from the sun in tropical and sub-tropical belo [3–5]. Greeney non residential areas protestes welking, thereby improving people's emblewascular systems and reducing obesity [6]. Green serrorandings and bears gorden reduce notability, thereasing mental ponce [7] in countries blee halm and South Adison, green spaces, including home guidens, are often comprised of socio-culturally improving medicinal, seared and culturary plants [8,9].

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Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews

Nigeria is equally blessed with renewable energy (RE) resources like wind, solar, biomass and hydropower [5]. Hydropower has the utmost RE potential, which amounts to 16,000 MW for large hydropower and 734 MW for small hydropower (SHP). Further RE sources include wind energy with a potential of 150,000 terra joule per year, generated by an average wind speed of 2,0–4,0 m/s, solar radiation estimated at 3,5–7,0 kWh/m², and biomass at 144 million ton per year [6]. However, these resources are yet to be explored.

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in the traditional divergence studies based on morphological characterization and new methods based on studies at the DNA level are being incorporated into fruit-breeding programmes because these techniques are reliable, unambiguous in nature and easy to adopt They are widely used for the estimation of genetic diversity and are reported to be more precise than phenotypic markets.

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**Advanced Energy Materials** 

References in square brackets as superscripts after punctuation.

Thin film solar cells containing organolead halide perovskites light harvesters have received much attention for their relatively high power conversion efficiencies (PCEs), simple fabrication processes, and cost-effectivenes (12) This kind of perovskitebased solar cells is generally composed of transparent conductive oxide (fluorine-doped tin oxide (FTO) or indium tin oxide (ITO)) glass substrates, a compact TiQ layer, perovskite (mostly

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# Numbered citations, superscript numbers

Current Science [superscript numbers before full stop]

breeds are disease-resistant and are able to live and produce under extreme environments with minimal feed and fodder. There are various socio-economic and environmental drivers of change in livestock systems. These include population growth, urbanization, economic development, globalization and changing market demand. To meet the changing pattern of consumption, enhancement of milk production is needed and this could be possible by adopting new genotypes or cross-breeding which

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# Numbered citations, superscript numbers, 2

BMJ [superscript numbers after full stop]

Network meta-analysis (also called multiple or mixed treatment comparison meta-analysis, MTC) permits the evaluation of the comparative effectiveness of multiple interventions. <sup>1</sup> This approach has an inherent appeal for clinicians and decision makers as new or existing interventions must be placed within the context of all available evidence. <sup>20</sup> Often, those undertaking an MTC will selectively choose interventions to include in the analysis. For example, some MTCs exclude placebo or no treatment from consideration because it is sometimes believed that placebo trials vary over time or are set in favourable conditions to appease regulatory authorities. <sup>3</sup> Other MTCs may

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## Names or et al.? et al. or et al. or et al?

- Journal of Applied Biology, The Holocene: names up to three authors; et al. thereafter
- Conservation Biology, Ethology, Animal Behaviour: names up to two authors
- Journal of Applied Ecology, Marine Mammal Science: et al.
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The use of automatic identification system (AIS) data as input for emission modeling has several advantages, compared with the previously presented approaches for evaluating shipping emissions (Jalkanen et al. 2009, 2012b).

Notteboom (2011) and Jalkanen et al. (2012a) analyzed the impact of the International Maritime Organization's Tier II/III standards—adopted in October 2008—on costs

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# Placing in-text citations, 2

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- Start: Kraushaar and Novak (2010) explored connections between classroom laptop usage and course achievement.
- Middle: Available information on pre-harvest processes and their effects on shelf life (Scuderi et al. 2010) is limited.
- End: Students can score higher when they take notes (Titsworth & Kiewra, 2004).

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- Conservation Biology

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American Journal of Primatology: List all authors if there are five or fewer; when there are six or more authors, list the first three followed by et al.

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American Journal of Primatology

effects of roads (e.g., destruction of habitat, creation of barriers to movement, reducing connectivity within and among populations, noise disturbance, and collisions) has increased [Coffin, 2007; Jaarsma & Willems, 2002; Lewis et al., 2011; Shepard et al., 2008]. Roads affect the movements and distribution of a large diversity of animal taxa, including reptiles,

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#### Multiple citations in chronological order

#### International Journal of Urban and Regional Research

While there have been several studies of the effectiveness of foliar P for cereal nutrition, this work has predominantly been based in the United States (Barel and Black 1979a, 1979b; Sawyer and Barker 1994; Mosali et al. 2006; Girma et al. 2007) and only a small body of work has been published for plants grown in Australian dryland cropping soils (Bouma 1969; Alston 1979), and very little work has examined nutrient-use efficiency of foliar-applied P using isotopic tracers (Koontz and Biddulph 1957; Bouma 1969).

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(Frobisher, 2012; Barnes et al., 2009; Huy, 2009; Monk and Bosco, 2001)

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# Multiple citations in alphabetical order

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Plant domestication is a very popular topic, subject to multidisciplinary research methodologies (Abbo et al. 2012; Allaby 2010; Burger et al. 2008; Diamond 2002; Doebley et al. 2006; Gepts 2004; Ross-Ibarra et al. 2007; Zeder et al. 2006). However, the vast majority of these studies concern annual crop plants, which constitute the core of human food sources. Only very few studies provide analysis of the domestication of fruit trees and vines.

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# *Nature* 171: 737

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# **Journal of Chemical Ecology**

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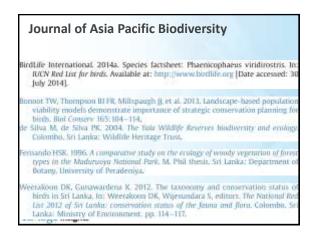
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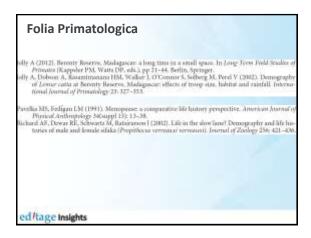
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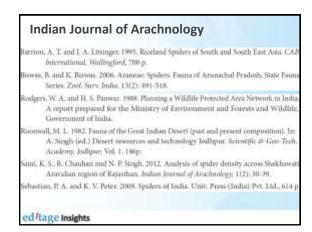
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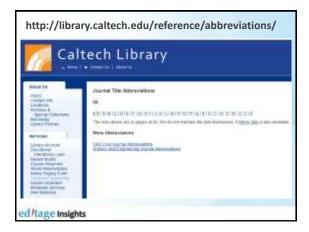
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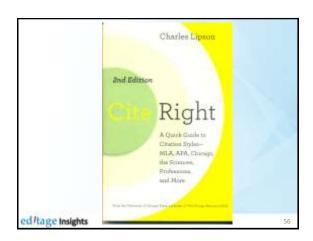




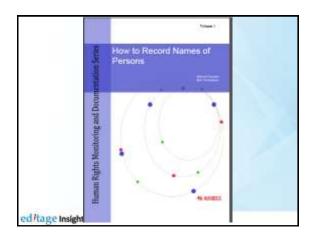


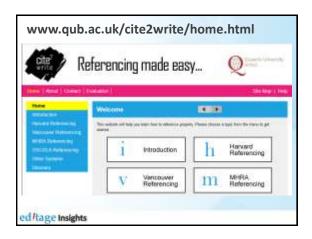
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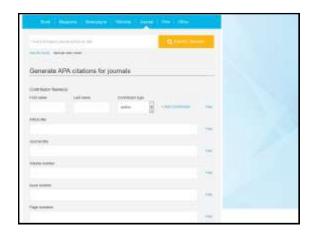










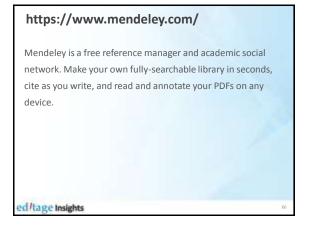
















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- Neville C. 2010. The Complete Guide to Referencing and Avoiding Plagiarism, 2nd edn. Maidenhead, Berkshire, England: Open University Press. 207 pp.
- Guzman M and Verstappen B. 2005. How to Record Names of Persons. Versoix [Switzerland]: Huridocs. 24 pp.
- Pears R and Shields G. 2013. Cite Them Right: the essential referencing guide, 9th edn. London: Palgrave Macmillan. 136 pp.

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Ole Bjørn Rekdal

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Isaac Newton 1642–1727